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SUBJ: FONSEC UNDERSECRETARY DESCRIBES PRINCIPLES OF
MEXICAN FOREIGN POLICY.

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1. IN AN ADDRESS TO CANDIDATES FOR THE MEXICAN FOREIGN SERVICE ON OCTOBER 1, UNDERSECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS RUBEN GONZALEZ SOSA LISTED TEN PRINCIPLES ON WHICH CURRENT MEXICAN FOREIGN POLICY IS BASED. MOST OF THESE ARE WELL KNOWN, THOUGH A FEW REFLECT NEW TRENDS PURSUED BY ECHEVERRIA'S ADMINISTRATION. THE PRINCIPLES ARE: NON-INTERVENTION, SELF-DETERMINATION, IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM, REJECTION OF POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC HEGEMONIES, DEFENSE OF THE THIRD WORLD, DENUNCIATION OF IDEOLOGICAL BORDERS, THE ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OF LATIN AMERICA, TOTAL DISARMAMENT, JUST AND EQUITABLE ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AND A PATRIMONIAL SEA.

2. GONZALEZ' TALK WAS COUCHED IN SOMEWHAT DEFENSIVE TONES. REFERRING TO CRITICISM OF MEXICAN FOREIGN POLICY (REPORTED BY PRESS AS OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO GOM POLICY
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ON CHILE) HE SAID, "FUTURE HISTORY WILL PROVE US RIGHT."

HE ALSO NOTED CRITICISM THAT AN ATMOSPHERE OF INSECURITY AND CONFUSION HAS BEEN ARTIFICALLY AND GRATUITOUSLY CREATED. REJECTING THIS CRITICISM, HE ASKED RHETORICALLY WHETHER THERE PRESENTLY EXISTED INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SECURITY GIVEN FLUCTUATIONS IN PRICES OF RAW MATERIALS, WHETHER THERE WAS JURIDICAL SECURITY IN THE INEQUITABLE ECONOMIC RELATIONS AMONG STATES, AND WHETHER MECHANISMS EXISTED TO AVOID THE IMPACT OF GREAT INFLATIONARY FORCES UPON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES -- FORCES ORIGINATING PRIMARILY IN THE PROBLEMS OF HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED STATES.

3. COMMENT: PRINCIPLES STATED BY GONZALEZ ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT INHERENTLY VERY COMPATIBLE BUT SEEM A FAIR STATEMENT OF GENERAL THRUST OF CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY. DEFENSIVENESS IS PROBABLY DUE TO RECENT ATTACKS ON ADMINISTRATION POLICIES BY PROMINENT BUSINESSMEN WHO OPPOSED MEXICAN POLICY TOWARD CHILE AND OTHER ELEMENTS OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICY.
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